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## **AMENDMENT**

In response to the Office Action dated October 6, 2003, Applicant submits the following Amendment and Reply. This Amendment is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). The Application is amended as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2. Remarks begin on page 5.

A check in the amount of \$770.00 as a fee for the RCE is enclosed. If no check is attached, or if the Patent Office deems additional fees are required, authorization is hereby granted to charge any necessary fees to Deposit Account No. 22-0261.